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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 10/452,397, filed on June 2, 2003, of Dennis L. Broderick and LaVon F. Broderick for FLOATING PLAYGROUND (hereinafter "the Parent Application").

- A. Enclosed Application Elements and Accompanying Parts
 - A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising twenty-seven (27) pages.
 - Ten (10) sheets of drawings.
 - A copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in the Parent Application and currently in effect.
 - A Request for Nonpublicaiton of Application.
 - Entitlement to small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
 - A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status is enclosed.
 - A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status was filed in the Parent Application and such status is still proper and desired.
 - The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV 382 941 482 US.

A Preliminary Amendment.

An Associate Power of Attorney.

To facilitate timely filing of the enclosed continuation application, enclosed is a petition of a three (3) month extension of time to file a response to the outstanding Office Action in the parent application.

B. Instructions and Averments

Priority to United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/452,397 filed on June 2, 2003, which is a continuation of Patent Application Serial No. 10/265,821, filed October 7, 2002, which is a continuation of Patent Application Serial No. 09/879,852, filed June 11, 2001, is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Priority to _____ (country) Application Serial No. _____ filed on _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

A certified copy of the above priority application is filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.

The Parent Application is assigned of record to Nauticblue Corp. as recorded at reel 013390, frames 0045.

C. Payments

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below.

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FOR	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	Fee	Rate
BASIC FEE				\$385	\$
TOT. CLAIMS	18-20=	0	X 9=	0	X 18=
IND. CLAIMS	5-3=	2	X 43	86	X 84=
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+145=		+280=
			TOTAL	471	TOTAL

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- Please debit Deposit Account No. 23-3178 in the amount of \$____ for the government filing fee.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
 - Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees during the pendency of this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
 - Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
- The issue fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.311(b).
- A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Please address all future correspondence in connection with the above-identified patent application to the attention of the undersigned.

Dated this 11th day of February 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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- Transmittal Letter (3 pages) (in duplicate)
- Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$946
- Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (5 pages)
- Petition for an Extension of Time (2 pages) (in duplicate)
- Continuation Patent Application in the names of Dennis L. Broderick and LaVon F. Broderick for FLOATING PLAYGROUND (27 pages)
- Drawings (10 sheets)
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